Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

The House passed H.R. 4577, Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations.

The House agreed to the conference report on S. 761, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages \$5059-\$5163

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2726–2731, S. Res. 323, and S. Con. Res. 122. Pages \$5106-07

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals. (S. Rept. No. 106–308)

Report to accompany S. 2720, an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. (S. Rept. No. 106–309)

S. Res. 303, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the treatment by the Russian Federation of Andrei Babitsky, a Russian journalist working for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Certified Development Company Program Improvements Act: Senate passed H.R. 2614, to amend the Small Business Investment Act to make improvements to the certified development company program, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages \$5154-59

Allard (for Bond) Amendment No. 3431, providing for timely Administration action on geographic expansion applications, use of unobligated funds, and the HUBZone program.

Page S5156

School Governance Charter Amendment Act: Senate passed H.R. 4387, to provide that the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000 shall take effect upon the date such Act is ratified by the voters of the District of Columbia, clearing the measure for the President.

Page S5159

Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Submillimeter Array Operations: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. 2498, to authorize the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, construct, and equip laboratory, administrative, and support space to house base operations for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Submillimeter Array located on Mauna Kea at Hilo, Hawaii, and the bill was then passed.

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Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Land Trust: Senate passed S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band. Pages \$5159-60

National Eat Dinner With Your Children Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 323, designating Monday, June 19, 2000, as "National Eat-Dinner-With-Your-Children Day". Pages \$5160-61

Measure Indefinitely Postponed:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act: S. 2593, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

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National Defense Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2549, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year

for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S5059-60, S5071-83

Adopted:

Warner (for Lott) Amendment No. 3382, to clarify the duties of the Chief of Naval Research as the Navy's manager of research funds. Pages \$5071-83

Levin (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3383, to provide, with an offset, \$5,000,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation Defense-wide for the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program for technologies for the detection and transport of pollutants resulting from live-fire activities.

Pages S5071-83

Warner (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3384, to increase by \$45,000,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated for environmental restoration of formerly used defense sites and reduce defense-wide operations and maintenance accounts by \$45,000,000 for mobility enhancements.

Pages \$5071-83

Warner (for Lott) Amendment No. 3385, to set aside for weatherproofing of facilities at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, \$2,800,000 of the amount authorized to be appropriated for the Air Force for operation and maintenance.

Pages \$5071-83

Levin (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3386, to remove the inclusion of housing in the determining of income eligibility for WIC support for members of the Armed Forces overseas.

Pages \$5071-83

Warner (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3387, to improve access to health care under the TRICARE program by prohibiting a requirement for statements of nonavailability or preauthorization for certain services under that program.

Pages \$5071-83

Warner (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 3388, to modify the time for use by members of the Selected Reserve of entitlement to certain educational assistance.

Pages \$5071-83

Warner (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3389, to treat as veterans individuals who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard during World War II.

Pages S5071-83

Levin (for Feingold) Amendment No. 3390, to extend to members of the National Guard and other reserve components not on active duty the entitlement to receive special duty assignment pay.

Pages S5071-83

Warner (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3391, to authorize the expansion of service areas for transferees of former uniformed services treatment facilities that are included in the uniformed services health care delivery system.

Pages \$5071-83

Warner (for Thompson) Amendment No. 3392, to refine and advance Federal acquisition streamlining.

Pages S5071-83

Warner Amendment No. 3393, to increase by \$2,500,000 the amount provided for the Army for operation and maintenance for the ceremonial rifle program; and to offset that increase by reducing by \$2,500,000 the amount provided for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, for spectrum database upgrades.

Pages \$5071-83

Levin (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 3394, to set aside up to \$1,000,000 for the support of programs to promote informal region-wide dialogues on arms control and regional security issues for Arab, Israeli, and United States officials and experts.

Pages S5071-83

Warner (for DeWine) Amendment No. 3395, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the United States Air Force Institute of Technology.

Pages S5071-83

Warner (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3396 (to Amendment No. 3237—agreed to in Senate on June 8, 2000), to make a technical correction.

Pages S5071-83

Warner (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3397, to increase the TRICARE maximum allowable charge for physicians in rural States, and to require a report on nonparticipation of physicians in TRICARE in rural States. Pages \$5071-83

Levin (for Feingold/Thompson) Amendment No. 3398, to extend the authority of the Federal Government to conduct public interest law enforcement conveyances of surplus property.

Pages \$5071-83

Warner Amendment No. 3399, to require a report on the status of domestic preparedness against the threat of biological terrorism. Pages \$5071-83

Levin (for Robb/Warner) Amendment No. 3400, to authorize a land conveyance, former National Ground Intelligence Center, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Pages \$5071-83

Warner (for Grams) Amendment No. 3401, to authorize a land conveyance, Army Reserve Center, Winona, Minnesota. Pages \$5071-83

Levin (for Edwards) Amendment No. 3402, to express the sense of the Senate that members of the Armed Forces who receive special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger should receive the same tax treatment as members serving in combat zones.

Pages \$5071-83

Warner (for Hutchinson/Cleland) Amendment No. 3403, to modify the basic allowance for housing.

Pages S5071-83

Warner (for DeWine) Amendment No. 3404, to authorize the acceptance and use of gifts from the Air Force Museum Foundation for the construction of a third building for the United States Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Pages S5071-83

Warner (for Inhofe/Robb) Amendment No. 3405, to require a General Accounting Office review of the AH–64 aircraft program of the Army. Pages \$5071-83

Warner (for Lott) Amendment No. 3406, to make available, with an offset, an additional \$2,500,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Army for Countermine Systems for research in acoustic mine detection.

Pages \$5071–83

Warner (for Snowe) Amendment No. 3407, to permit the lease of the Naval Computer Telecommunications Center, Cutler, Maine, pending its conveyance.

Pages \$5071-83

Levin (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3408, to modify the authorized conveyee of certain land at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota.

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Warner (for Gramm) Amendment No. 3409, to consent to the retransfer by the Government of Greece to USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc., of an alternative LST excess to the needs of the Government of Greece.

Pages \$5071-83

Levin (for Conrad) Amendment No. 3410, to require a report on the establishment of a global missile launch early warning center. Pages \$5071-83

Warner Amendment No. 3411, to require a General Accounting Office review of the working-capital fund activities of the Department of Defense, including the use of carryover authority between fiscal years.

Pages \$5071-83

Warner (for Snowe/Robb) Amendment No. 3412, to impose requirements for the implementation of the Navy-Marine Corps Intranet. Pages \$5071-83

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3413, to enhance authorities relating to education partnerships to encourage scientific study. Pages \$5071-83

Warner Amendment No. 3414, to make available, with an offset, an additional \$5,000,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Army for Concepts Experimentation Program for test and evaluation of future operational technologies for use by mounted maneuver forces.

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Warner/Robb Amendment No. 3415, to provide for the development of a Marine Corps Heritage Center at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.

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Levin (for Murray) Amendment No. 3416, to require the Army National Guard to carry out a demonstration project to provide Internet access and services to rural communities that are unserved or underserved by the Internet.

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Warner (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 3417, to authorize, with an offset, \$300,000 for research, development, test, and evaluation Defense-wide for Generic Logistics Research and Development Technology Demonstrations for air logistics technology.

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Levin (for Cleland) Amendment No. 3418, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to General Wesley K. Clark, United States Army, in recognition of his outstanding leadership and service during the military operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

Pages \$5071-83

Warner Amendment No. 3419, to conform the requirement for verbatim records of the proceedings of special courts-martial to the increased punishment authority of special courts-martial. Pages \$5071-83

Warner (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 3420, to require the Secretary of Defense to prescribe policies and procedures for Department of Defense decision-making on actions to be taken in cases of false claims submitted to the Department of Defense.

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Levin (for Edwards/Torricelli) Amendment No. 3421, expressing the sense of the Senate that long-term economic development aid should be immediately provided to assist communities rebuilding from Hurricane Floyd.

Pages \$5071-83

Warner (for Fitzgerald) Amendment No. 3422, to provide for the coverage and treatment of unutilized and underutilized plant-capacity costs of United States arsenals when making supplies and providing services for the United States Armed Forces.

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Levin (for Edwards/Helms) Amendment No. 3423, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey, to the city of Jacksonville, North Carolina, certain land for the purpose of permitting the City to develop the parcel for initial use as a bike/green way trail.

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Warner (for Enzi/Thomas) Amendment No. 3424, to authorize, with an offset, \$1,450,000 for a contribution by the Air National Guard to construction of a new airport tower at Cheyenne Airport, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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Pending:

Smith (of NH) Amendment No. 3210, to prohibit granting security clearances to felons. Page \$5059

McCain Amendment No. 3214, (to Amendment No. 3210), to require the disclosure of expenditures and contributions by certain political organizations.

Transportation Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 4475, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages \$5088-99

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 129) Shelby (for Harkin/Grassley) Amendment No. 3428, to modify a highway project in the State of Iowa.

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Shelby/Lautenberg Amendment No. 3426, in the nature of a substitute. Pages \$5088-99

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

Senate sustained a point of order against Dorgan/Ashcroft Amendment No. 3427, to provide protection against the risks to the public that are inherent in the interstate transportation of violent prisoners, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for certain amendments to be proposed to the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, on Thursday, June 15, 2000. Page S5161

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all first degree amendments be filed by 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2000. Page S5154

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consenttime agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, with a vote to occur thereon, no later than July 12, 2000. Pages \$5064-65

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Executive Order 12938 relative to the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–114)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, the President's periodic report on the national emergency caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979 for the period August 19, 1999 through February 19, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–115)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 128), Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. Pages \$5161-63

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Measures Referred:

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Text of H.R. 4576, as previously passed:

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Privileges of the Floor: Page S5140

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—129)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 p.m., and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$5161.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

Additional Statements:

RURAL AREA INTERNET ACCESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on S. 2454, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize low-power television stations to provide digital data services to subscribers, focusing on wireless high speed Internet access for rural areas, after receiving testimony from Roy J. Stewart, Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Larry Morton, Equity Broadcasting Corporation, Little Rock, Arkansas, on behalf of the Community Broadcasters Association; James J. Popham, Association of Local Television Stations, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Dean M. Mosely, U.S. Interactive/AccelerNet, Houston, Texas.

ETHANOL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings on the environmental benefits and impacts of ethanol under the Clean Air Act, after receiving testimony from Senators Grassley, Harkin, and Durbin; Gordon Proctor, Ohio Department of Transportation, Columbus; Daniel S. Greenbaum, Health Effects Institute, Cambridge Massachusetts; A. Blakeman Early, on behalf of the American Lung Association, and Bob Slaughter, on behalf of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Michael S. Graboski, Colorado Institute for Fuels

and High Altitude Engine Research, Colorado School of Mines, Lakewood, on behalf of the National Corn Grower's Association; Jack Huggins, Williams Bio-Energy, The Williams Companies, Pekin, Illinois; Jason S. Grumet, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, Boston, Massachusetts; and Stephen Gatto, BC International Corporation, Dedham, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 662, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 3916, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

LEBANON

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine issues relating to the future of democracy for the people of Lebanon, including the country's continued occupation by Syria, the recent Israeli withdrawal, and efforts toward disarmament of terrorist groups like Hezbollah, after receiving testimony from Edward S. Walker, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Daniel Pipes, Middle East Quarterly, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Col. Charbel Barakat, South Lebanon Army, Ain Ebel, Lebanon.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION PROTECTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues relating to the need for protection of American servicemen and officials from the threat of international prosecution by the International Criminal Court, and a related measure, S. 2726, to protect United States military personnel and other elected and appointed officials of the United States Government against criminal prosecution by an international criminal court to which the United States is not a party, after receiving testimony from Caspar W. Weinberger, Forbes, Inc., Washington, D.C., former Secretary of Defense; Jeremy Rabkin, Cornell University Department of Government, Ithaca, New York; and Ruth Wedgwood, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, on behalf of the Project on International Organizations and Law.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

- S. 2705, to provide for the training of individuals, during a Presidential transition, who the President intends to appoint to certain key positions, to provide for a study and report on improving the financial disclosure process for certain Presidential nominees;
- S. 2712, to amend chapter 35 of title 31, United States Code, to authorize the consolidation of certain financial and performance management reports required of Federal agencies;
- S. 2420, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, with an amendment;
- H.R. 208, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, to eliminate certain waiting-period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan, with an amendment;
- S. 2386, to extend the Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act;
- S. 1564, to protect the budget of the Federal courts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 1846, to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building";
- S. 1847, to redesignate the Federal building located at 701 South Santa Fe Avenue in Compton, California, and known as the Compton Main Post Office, as the "Mervyn Malcolm Dymally Post Office Building";
- S. 1884, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building";
- S. 2043, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 3101 West Sunflower Avenue in Santa Ana, California, as the "Hector G. Godinez Post Office Building";
- S. 2234, to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service;
- H.R. 642, to redesignate the Federal building located at 701 South Santa Fe Avenue in Compton, California, and known as the Compton Main Post Office, as the "Mervyn Malcolm Dymally Post Office Building";

H.R. 643, to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building";

H.R. 1666, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office";

H.R. 2307, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building";

H.R. 2357, to designate the United States Post Office located at 3675 Warrensville Center Road in Shaker Heights, Ohio, as the "Louise Stokes Post Office";

H.R. 2460, to designate the United States Post Office located at 125 Border Avenue West in Wiggins, Mississippi, as the "Jay Hanna 'Dizzy' Dean Post Office";

H.R. 2591, to designate the United States Post Office located at 713 Elm Street in Wakefield, Kansas, as the "William H. Avery Post Office";

H.R. 2952, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orchard Park Drive in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Keith D. Oglesby Station";

H.R. 3018, to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in South Carolina;

H.R. 3699, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8409 Lee Highway in Merrifield, Virginia, as the "Joel T. Broyhill Postal Building";

H.R. 3701, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3118 Washington Boulevard in Arlington, Virginia, as the "Joseph L. Fisher Post Office Building";

H.R. 4241, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1818 Milton Avenue in Janesville, Wisconsin, as the "Les Aspin Post Office Building"; and

The nominations of Amy L. Comstock, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics; Alan Craig Kessler, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service; Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority; and Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, Thomas J. Motley, and John McAdam Mott, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

US AIRWAYS/UNITED MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings to examine the proposed United Airlines and US Airways merger and the impact it may have on the airline industry, after receiving testimony from Senators Helms, Wellstone, Santorum, and Edwards; James E. Goodwin, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois; Stephen M. Wolf, US Airways Group, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Robert L. Johnson, DC Air, and Mark N. Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, both of Washington, D.C.; David Neeleman, JetBlue Airways Corporation, Kew Gardens, New York; and Alfred Kahn, Cornell University Department of Economics, Ithaca, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.1586, to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2508, to amend the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 1988 to provide for a final settlement of the claims of the Colorado Ute Indian Tribes;

S. 2351, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian tribe of Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 277, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the policy of Indian self-determination; and

H.R. 3051, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in the State of New Mexico.

NATIVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND EXPORT ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2282, to encourage the efficient use of existing resources and assets related to Indian agricultural research, development and exports within the United States Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; Malcolm B. Bowekaty, Pueblo of Zuni, New Mexico; Ardell Ruiz, Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, Arizona; and Fred Small, Lame Deer, Montana, on behalf of the Montana Wyoming Indian Agriculture Council.

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to examine the loss of national security information at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, after receiving testimony from T.J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary, John Browne, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Edward Curran,

Director, Office of Counterintelligence, and Eugene Habiger, Director, Office of Security and Emergency Operations, all of the Department of Energy.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4652–4668; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 102, H. Con. Res. 352–353, and H. Res. 526, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 809, to amend the Act of June 1, 1948, to provide for reform of the Federal Protective Service, amended (H. Rept. 106–676).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Gibbons to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, June 12 by a yea and nay vote of 352 yeas to 59 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 270.

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Recess: the House recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:31 p.m. Page H4366

Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce: The House agreed to the conference report on S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces by a yea and nay vote of 426 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 271.

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 523, the rule that waived points of order against consideration of the conference report by a voice vote. Pages H4346–51

Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 4577, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a yea and nay vote of 217 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 273 (the bill was also considered on June 8, 12, 13).

Pages H4367-H4436

By a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 272, rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with in-

structions to report it back with an amendment that strikes section 518 dealing with a potential rescission from the Child Care and development Block Grant if the total level of discretionary advance appropriations exceeds the budget cap.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Executive Order 12938: Message wherein he transmitted his report on Executive Order 12938 as required by the International Emergency Economic Powers Act—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–255); and Page H4436

Lapse of the Export Administration Act: Message wherein he transmitted his report on the national emergency declared to deal with the threat to national security caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–256).

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Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House considered amendments to H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. The House previously considered the bill on June 13.

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Agreed To:

Sununu amendment No. 30 printed in the Congressional Record that eliminates Department of Energy funding of \$126.5 million for the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles program and applies \$86 million to debt reduction and \$40 million to Payment in Lieu of Taxes, Land and Water Conservation, and Forest Service and National Park Service maintenance programs (agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 274);

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Hefley amendment No. 37 printed in the Congressional Record that increases Forest Service wildland fire management funding by \$4 million and decreases the wild horse and burro program accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 364 ayes to 55 noes, Roll No. 275); Pages H4442, H4446

Regula amendment that eliminates \$3 million for Montana land acquisition and applies \$2 million to the Idaho Snake river project and \$1 million to the West Eugene, Oregon wetlands project; Page H4445

Regula amendment that increases National Park Service backlog maintenance funding by \$66.5 million; Page H4452

Maloney of New York amendment No. 44 printed in the Congressional Record that revises Mineral Management Service royalty-in-kind procedures and allows payment for the transportation to wholesale market centers and processing of royalty production taken in kind;

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Regula amendment that increases National Park Service land acquisition funding by \$20 million;

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Regula amendment that decreases construction funding for the Escalante Science Center by \$1 million and applies it to the National Trail Center in Casper, Wyoming;

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Ose amendment that strikes section 122 which prohibited funding to establish a National Wildlife Refuge in the Yolo Bypass of California;

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Hinchey amendment that increases funding for land acquisition for the Everglades National Park by \$9 million; Pages H4161-62

Hill amendment that makes available \$500,000 for the acquisition of the Traveler's Rest campsite in Montana:

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Regula amendment that allows the Bureau of Land Management to reissue grazing permits when it is unable to process expiring permits because of funding shortfalls;

Taylor of Mississippi amendment that makes available \$2 million for the acquisition of Cat Island, Mississippi with offsets from the Energy Information Administration activities; Pages H4478-79

Rejected:

DeFazio amendment No. 35 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase funding for Forest Service recreation programs by \$26 million and decrease Department of Energy petroleum technology programs by \$53 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 276); and

Pages H4462–66, H4477

Wu amendment No. 31 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase funding for Fish and Wildlife habitat management programs by \$14.7 million and decrease timber sales management funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 277).

Pages H4467-75, H4478

Withdrawn:

Kucinich amendment No. 41 was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to require a report by the Fish and Wildlife Service on genetically engineered fish;

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Inslee amendment was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike section 116, that provides for the processing of expiring grazing permits; and

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Dicks amendment was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to exempt authorized activities related to national monuments and the Columbia Basin Ecosystem from limitations imposed under the Act (Subsequently agreed by unanimous consent to consider an amendment offered by Representative Dicks in the Committee of the Whole with debate times specified and allocated).

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Point of Order Sustained:

Language on page 18 dealing with the allocation of water from central and southern Florida to the Everglades; Pages H4452-54

The House agreed to H. Res. 524, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill on June 13.

Meeting Hour—Thursday, June 15: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 15.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4342.

Referrals: S. 1507 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Commerce. Page H4482

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4485.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4341, H4366, H4435, H4436, H4445, H4446, H4477, and H4478. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops held a hearing on H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from C. Robert Paul, General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Lewis A. Sachs, Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets, Department of the Treasury; Patrick M. Parkinson, Associate Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and Annette L. Nazareth, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY— SECURITY FAILURES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on security failures at the Lost Alamos National Laboratory. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: T.J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary; Gen. Eugene Habiger, USAF (Ret.), Director, Office of Security and Emergency Operations; Edward J. Curran, Director, Office of Counterintelligence; Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Gioconda, USAF, Acting Deputy Administrator, Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration; and John C. Browne, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory.

MEDICAL FINANCIAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 4585, Medical Financial Privacy Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

SMOTHERING EDUCATION REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Education Task Force held a hearing on Smothering Education Reform, How Washington Stifles Innovation. Testimony was heard from Senator Hutchinson, State of Arkansas; Eugene Hickok, Secretary of Education, State of Pennsylvania; and a public witness.

MEDICARE'S REGULATORY BURDEN ON PROVIDERS

Committee on the Budget: Health Task Force held a hearing on Medicare's Regulatory Burden on Providers. Testimony was heard from Robert Berenson, Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Robert Charrow, former Principal Deputy General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services.

UNSOLICITED ELECTRONIC MAIL ACT

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3113, Unsolicited Electronic Mail Act of 1999.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS: MODERNIZING MEDICARE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing entitled: "Prescription Drugs: Modernizing Medicare for the 21st Century."

Testimony was heard from Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT—AGENCY RESPONSE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing entitled: "Agency Response to the Electronic Freedom of Information Act." Testimony was heard from Joshua Gotbaum, Executive Associate Director and Controller, OMB; Ethan Posner, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Henry J. McIntyre, Director, Directorate for the Freedom of Information Security and Review, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

PRIVACY COMMISSION ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4049, Privacy Commission Act.

DOES CONGRESS DELEGATE TOO MUCH POWER TO AGENCIES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "Does Congress Delegate Too Much Power to Agencies and What Should be Done About It?" Testimony was heard from Senator Brownback; Representative Hayworth; John Spotila, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

WESTERN EUROPE—TREATMENT OF RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Treatment of Religious Minorities in Western Europe. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Seiple, Ambassador-at-Large, International Religious Freedom, Department of State; T. Jeremy Gunn, Guest Scholar, U.S. Institute of Peace; and public witnesses.

SAFETY OF CITIZENS TRAVELING IN MEXICO; CHALLENGES TO HEMISPHERIC DEMOCRACY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere approved for full Committee action, as amended, H. Con. Res. 232, expressing the sense of Congress concerning the safety and wellbeing of United States citizens injured while traveling in Mexico.

The Committee also held a hearing on Challenges to Hemispheric Democracy: Elections, Coups, and

Instability. Testimony was heard from Representative Conyers; and Ambassador Lino Gutierrez, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT—AIRLINE INDUSTRY—STATE OF COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on the State of Competition in the Airline Industry. Testimony was heard from Senator Fitzgerald; Representatives Jackson of Illinois and Slaughter; John Nannes, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Nancy McFadden, General Counsel; and Paul Galis, Deputy Associate Administrator, Airports, FAA; Mike Gordon, Mayor, El Segundo, California; and public witnesses.

ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 4345, Alaska Native Claims Technical Amendments Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from John Berry, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; and pubic witnesses.

RURAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Rural Health Care Services: Has Medicare Reform Killed Small Business Providers? Testimony was heard from Cathy Buro, Deputy Director, Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SSA—PROCESSING OF ATTORNEY FEES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the processing of attorney fees by the SSA. Testimony was heard from William C. Taylor, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Hearings and Appeals, SSA; Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Associate Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

BOSNIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Tuesday, June 13, Commission concluded hearings to examine the situation five years after the Dayton Agreement which ended the war in Bosnia, focusing on whether the Dayton Agreement has encouraged the restoration of multi-ethnic Bosnian state, or perpetuated the ethnic divisions created by aggression and ethnic cleansing, after receiving testimony from Gen. Wesley K. Clark, U.S. Army, former Supreme

Allied Commander Europe; James Pardew, Principal Deputy Special Advisor to the President and Secretary of State for Kosovo and Dayton Implementation; Robert Barry, Head of Mission, OSCE Mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina; Haris Silajdzic, Member, Bosnian Parliament, and former Prime Minister of Bosnia-Herzegovina; Selim Beslagic, Mayor of the municipality of Tuzla; and Milan Trbojevic, Republika Srpska.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on certain provisions of S. 2557, to protect the energy security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the Year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on the United States General Accounting Office March 2000 report entitled "Need to Address Management Problems that Plague the Concessions Program", 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Sub-committee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed highway diesel fuel sulfur regulations, 9:30 a.m., SD—406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with the changing threat of international terrorism, focusing on the report of the National Commission on Terrorism, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Paul C. Huck, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida; the nomination of Joan Humphrey Lefkow, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; the nomination of George Z. Singal, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine; the nomination of John W. Darrah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; and the nomination of Johnnie B. Rawlinson, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, 5 p.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Program, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2001, 9 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to continue hearings on improving regulation of housing Government Sponsored Enterprises, Housing, focusing on H.R. 3703, Housing Finance Regulatory Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled: "FACA: Conflicts of Interest and Vaccine Development-Preserving the Integrity of the Process," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on "F-22 Cost Controls: Will Production Cost Savings Materialize?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding manipulation of the mass media and intimidation of the independent press in the Russian Federation, expressing support for freedom of speech and the independent media in the Russian Federation, and calling on the President of the United States to express his strong concern for freedom of speech and the independent media in the Russian Federation; H. Con. Res. 297, congratulating the Republic of Hungary on the millennium of its foundation as a state; H. Res. 500, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the violence, breakdown of rule of law, and troubled pre-election period in the Republic of Zimbabwe; H. Con. Res. 275, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to Iraq's failure to release prisoners of war from Kuwait and nine other nations in violation of international agreements; and H. Res. 259, supporting the goals and ideals of the Olympics; followed by a hearing on Implementing Overseas Presence Advisory Panel Recommendations, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Copyrighted Webcast Programming on the Internet, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up the following bills: 4033, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2000; and H.R. 4640, DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000; followed by an oversight hearing on "The Threat Posed by the Illegal Importation, Trafficking, and Use of Ecstasy and Other 'Club' Drugs," 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on H.R. 4548, Agricultural Opportunities Act, 11 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, to mark up H.R. 3432, to direct the Minerals Management Service to grant the State of Louisiana and its lessees a credit in the payment of Federal offshore royalties to satisfy the authorization for compensation contained in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 for oil and gas drainage in the West Delta Field; followed by a hearing on the following bills: S. 1030, to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws; and H.R. 4340, Mineral Revenue Payments Clarification Act of 2000, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 4442, National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: S. 1275, Hoover Dam Miscellaneous Sales Act; H.R. 2984, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey to the Loup Basin Reclamation District, the Sargent River Irrigation District, and the Farwell Irrigation District, Nebraska, property comprising the assets of the Middle Loup Division of the Missouri River Basin Project, Nebraska; H.R. 3595, to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; H.R. 2674, Palmetto Bend Conveyance Act; H.R. 3112, Colorado Ute Settlement Act Amendments of 1999; S. 986, Griffin Project Prepayment and Conveyance Act; H.R. 1787, Deschutes Resources Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 1999; H.R. 4389, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; H.R. 1113, Colusa Basin Watershed Integrated Resources Management Act; and H.R. 2348, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction, hearing on the Small Business Ombudsman and the Regulatory Fairness Program, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to continue hearings on the Proposed United-US Airways Merger, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on United States-Vietnam Relations, including the renewal of Vietnam's waiver under the Jackson-Vanik amendment to the Trade Act of 1974, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 9:45 a.m., Thursday, June 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 9 a.m., Thursday, June 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4475, Department of Transportation Appropriations, with Senator Voinovich being recognized to offer an amendment.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 4578, Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (complete consideration).

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